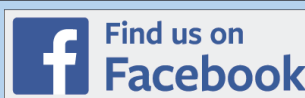


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News of Record

The following criminal complaint has been filed in the Tucker County Magistrate office:

• **Sophia Odescia Blackshear**, Elkins, was charged with one count DUI with un-emancipated minor. On Wednesday, May 13 Officer, C.R. Summerfield of the Tucker County Sheriff's office, (TCSO) along with Trooper C.A. Hawkins of the West Virginia State Police (WVSP) responded to a single vehicle collision on WV32 in Dry Fork. Once on the scene the officers spoke with members of the Canaan Valley Fire Department who stated that the vehicle was on its side with two occupants trapped inside, the driver later identified as Sophia Blackshear, along with her four year old child in the back seat. Hawkins spoke with a witness identified as Adam Bee who was traveling southbound on WV32 when the crash took place. A handwritten and signed statement was received from him. In summary he stated that he was driving and saw a vehicle coming toward him at a high rate of speed. The vehicle left the roadway around a driveway and went airborne. He also stated he helped the fire department remove the passengers from the vehicle. Mr. Blackshear and her son were transported to Davis medical Center by Tucker County EMS, therefore, officers did not get a chance to speak with them on scene. Summerfield obtained photographic evidence of the scene, however, could not acquire measurements due to the vehicle being moved by the fire crew in efforts to remove the trapped passengers. Two separate properties were damaged due to the crash, a field leased by Wesley Harman and his father along with the front yard of Clyde Allman. Both parties arrived on scene and gave Hawkins their contact information.

Summerfield contacted DMC around 9 p.m. to speak with the defendant in order to obtain more

information regarding the crash. At approximately 9:30 p.m. officers from Elkins Police Department contacted Hawkins stating that the hospital and called and told them the four year old juvenile was not Blackshear's son, and that alcohol was detected in her blood. CPS was also contacted by DMC. Hawkins passed along the contact information of the Elkins Police Department to Summerfield. He spoke with Elkins PD and advised them that he was in route to the hospital to obtain a statement from Blackshear about the crash. He met with CPS at the hospital and obtained more information regarding the incident. CPS informed him that Blackshear was the four year olds foster mother. He obtained a handwritten and signed statement from Blackshear and in summary she stated that she allegedly had a few drinks on Smirnoff Ice around 12:30 p.m. that day before exchanging her son. She drove to Centennial Park to meet her son's father in order to exchange their son. She stated she had two shots of Vodka at Centennial Park with the father to celebrate Mother's Day. She stated that on her way home, she swerved to miss a deer right outside Canaan Valley and lost control of the vehicle causing her to crash. Summerfield noticed her eyes were glassy and that she seemed confused. He asked her if she would be willing to sign a consent form (Authorization for disclosure of health information) that was provided by nurses at DMC to which she agreed and signed. After reviewing the results it was determined that she had 143mg (1.43) of alcohol in her blood, were intoxication occurs at 80 mg (.08). This investigation is currently ongoing.

The following property transfers have been recorded in the Tucker County Clerk's office:

• Carl Hanlin and Stephanie R. Sanders, Hambleton, Lots 8 and 9 to Stephanie R. Sanders and

David W. Hansford, \$0.

• John A. Dehn and Jessica J. Dehn, Dry Fork, Lot 13 Windwood to Mary Dauphinais and Thomas Kenney, \$430,000.

• Rebecca L. Polomski and Peggy S. Kumpf, Parsons Corporation, 1,360 sq. ft. to Sara E. Tobin and Shane Jenkins, \$35,000.

• Noelle A. Donahoe and Michael S. Donahoe, Dry Fork District, Unit G3 Week 26 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$533.50.

• Carolyn Carbone, Dry Fork District, Unit F2 Week 23 to Land of Canaan Homeowners Association, Inc., \$533.50.

• William L. Patterson, Dry Fork District, Unit F5 Week 15 to Beth M. Kuhar and Jeffrey C. Kuhar, \$1,000.

• Thomas F. Reed, II/Trustee; Reed Family Trust; Estate of Marita S. Reed, Dry Fork District, Unit A3 Week 26 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$533.50.

• Steven G. Veon and Sondra Veon, Dry Fork District, Unit DD2 Week 47 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$0.

• Patrice Banker, Dry Fork District, Unit E6 Week 45 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$1,050.50.

• Bobbie Jo Holden, Dry Fork District, Unit F3 Week 43 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$0.

• Lynette Pacella, Dry Fork District, Unit D1 Week 50 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$1,050.50.

• David D. Johnson, Dry Fork district, Unit F6 Week 12 to Land of Canaan Home Owners Association, Inc., \$8,050.13.

• Jason H. Downs and Angelina M. Downs, Davis, Lot 436 to David Downs, \$245,000.

• David F. Burns, Licking, Transfer on Death: Turkey Flat and Bear Wallow Rod 3.88 acres to L. Craig Burns and Sue B. Burns, \$0.

• Wesley Disselkoe and Lisa Disselkoe, Dry Fork, Unit G1 Week 22 to Lochoa, \$533.50.

• Roy S. Lucas, Dry Fork, Corrective Deed Unit D5 Week 25 to Lochoa, \$0.

• Warren K. Eister, Jr., Frances J. Eister and Amy P. Medley, Dry Fork District, Unit 107 Deerfield Village to David K. Medley, \$299,000.

We Get Letters

Dear Editors,

As property owners in Douglas, WV, we are extremely concerned about the proposed section of Corridor H that would bisect Davis and Thomas, crossing the Blackwater Canyon and Douglas Road. This proposal is very likely to damage the natural environment, the charm of the small towns of Davis and Thomas, and many historic sites making up the Blackwater Industrial Complex.

In the years since the original plan for Corridor H over the Blackwater Canyon was first devised, the area that it would threaten has become a tourist destination, attracting many visitors from in state and out of state. Blackwater Falls State Park receives more than 1 million visitors every year. The towns of Davis and Thomas have become a pair of destinations in themselves for tourists looking for natural beauty, outdoor recreation, a lively arts scene, and a wealth of local historical artifacts. The towns complement each other nicely, and continuing efforts have been made to connect them with bike and foot trails. It is a bad plan to divide them with a giant cloverleaf.

The proposed route over the Blackwater Canyon would destroy much of what makes the area so attractive. Blackwater State Park's unspoiled views would be seriously marred by light pollution from the highway. Noise would also be a problem.

In Thomas, the historic coke ovens would be overshadowed by the enormous bridge. In addition, the massive piers for the bridge would have to be built on top of a rather fragile honeycomb of underground mines; if disturbed, this would very possibly lead to hazardous acid mine drainage, endangering vulnerable wildlife.

The residents of the area have been assured that engineering/amelioration work would avert environmental catastrophe. This is not reassuring, especially when one sees the section of Corridor H currently under construction near Parsons, where gigantic piers just built are already beginning to list and slide. Reassurances had also been issued to the public about the safety of that venture.

There is a very sensible alternative to this catastrophically

bad idea. The Northern Route, which would join Corridor H to Route 219 on the other side of Thomas, would avoid all these pitfalls. It could be built to bypass Thomas Park. Another benefit to this option would be that it would allow trucks to avoid going through the town of Thomas, with their noise, disruption, and structural stress to the upper road in town.

Some concerns have been raised about the Northern Route, relating to the nearby reservoir and to noise from the route disturbing the businesses on Front Street in Thomas. These concerns need to be addressed. Representatives of the Federal Highway Administration assert that funds from the federal infrastructure bill will be available to work on solutions.

The Blackwater Canyon area is a jewel that attracts visitors and tourist dollars to our state, providing jobs and adding to the economy. To recklessly trash it would be a serious, and perhaps irreversible, mistake.

*Sincerely,
Tom and Sarah Hammack*



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OBITUARIES

Jacquelyn Lynn “Jackie” Irons Pritt,

Jacquelyn Lynn “Jackie” Irons Pritt, 62, a resident of Philippi, passed from this life Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at her home.

Jackie was born Friday, January 8, 1960, in Warren, OH, a daughter of the late Alvin Willard Irons and Eleanor Barnhart Irons. Jackie’s mother passed away when she was eight months old, and she was raised by her grandparents, Willard and Ruby Irons and her special Aunt Janet Taylor and Uncle Stanley Taylor. On August 15, 2003, she married Dirk Pritt and often remarked that these were the best years of her life.

Left to cherish Jackie’s memory besides her husband is a daughter, Skyler Maraea Lamb of Parsons, of whom she was so very proud, two special “sisters”, Tracey Elza and husband, Bill, Connie Cope all of Kerens, two nephews that she viewed as her own, Nick Gidley of Parsons and companion, Chelsea, Hunter Elza of Kerens, and several nephews and nieces that she adored, five brothers-in-law, Danny Pritt and wife, Laura, Randy Pritt and wife, Mary Lou, Ricky Pritt and wife, Brenda, Robbie Pritt and companion, Kim, Timmy Pritt, and two sisters-in-law, Connie



Dominiquiz and Nancy Pritt and companion, Allen.

Preceding her in death besides her father and mother, paternal grandparents and maternal grandparents, Alex and Ethel Petrick, and a brother-in-law, Dave Dominiquiz.

Jackie was a graduate of Parsons High School with the Class of 1978, and she had attended Fairmont State University. She had been employed for McClain Printing Company, as a paramedic and dispatcher for TCEMS, for Tucker Community Care and for Broadus Hospital. Jackie enjoyed crocheting, watching movies, fishing, reading, and spending time with her family.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2022, from 2 until 5 p.m. Jackie’s request for cremation will then be honored. The family requests that memorial contributions in Jackie’s memory be made to the American Red Cross through giving blood or to the American Cancer Society at: donate3.cancer.org. The Hostetler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements for Jacquelyn Lynn Irons Pritt. Send online condolences to the family at www.hostetlerfuneralhome.com

James R. Harman



James R. Harman, 66 of Xenia, OH passed June 6, 2022, after a brief illness. Jim was born March 16, 1956, in Elkins, WV, the son of the late Robert J. Harman and Dora Mae Judy Harman. He graduated from Harman High School in 1974. He obtained his auctioneers license and graduated as a Colonel with Robert, his dad, from the Missouri Auction School in Kansas City, MO. They opened and operated their own businesses H & H Auction. He was co-owner and operator of Harman Equipment Sales until it’s closing in 2009. Jim was a master mechanic at Baseline Golf in Ocala, FL. He was a gifted welder, excellent mechanic and a motorcycle enthusiast. After his retirement in 2010, he found helping others, fishing, and tinkering with something mechanical. He was an active member of the Harman Volunteer Fire Dept.

On July 14, 2001, he married the former Patricia Hamner, who survives. Also surviving are his daughter Dreama Howell (Patrick) of Beebe, AK, stepdaughter Melissa Jones (David) and stepson, Paul Jennings both of Xenia, OH.

He is survived by four sisters, Christina Curtis (Randy) of Nitro, WV, Denice Cooper (Jeff) of Mill Creek, WV, Rena Cardenas (Miguel) of Rocky Mount, NC, and Rita Armstrong (Bill) of Ocala, FL., 16 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a stepson Matthew Jennings.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the team of physicians, nurses, therapists, and specialists who work in CTCCU at OSU. Thank you for the incredible care and compassion during Jim’s final days. We are forever grateful. In lieu of flowers, please make your donation to the Harman Volunteer Fire Dept.

Friends were received at Hinkle-Fenner Funeral Home on Friday, June 10, 2022, from 5-8 p.m. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 11, 2022, at the funeral home, with Kenny Evans officiating. Interment followed at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Thomas, WV. The Harman VFD will be sponsoring a dinner for the family and friends afterwards.

Senior News

The first scheduled date for a performance at the Gandy Dancer Theatre is the Legends show on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. on July 15, 2022. The price is \$38 if you provide your own transportation and \$45 if you ride the van. Please call and get your name on the list as soon as possible so we know exactly how many tickets we have to hold. We will begin collecting for the July show on June 9th.

The itinerary for the Lancaster trip July 19th and 20th is available now. Please make sure you open the envelope because there is a part to fill out for your meal choice on the way to Lancaster.

The trip to Stonewall Lake near Weston is August 23th. The boat trip is 2 hours and includes a taco bar lunch. The price will be \$90. If you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible.

We have been notified that the Farmer Market Coupons will not be given to us until sometime in July. We will let you know when they have arrived.

June 20th is West Virginia Day. Here are some unusual facts about West Virginia!

The first rural free mail delivery was started in Charles Town on October 6, 1896 and then spread throughout the United States.

West Virginia was the first state to have a sales tax. It became effective July 1, 1921.

West Virginia has a mean altitude of 1500 ft., giving it the highest average altitude east of the Mississippi.

The 1500 block of Virginia St. in Charleston is considered the longest city block in the world.

Declared a state by President Lincoln, West Virginia is the only state to be designated by Presidential Proclamation.

Stone that was quarried near Hinton was contributed by West Virginia for the Washington Monument and arrived in Washington in February 1885.

West Virginia University was established on February 7, 1867 under the name of “Agricultural College of West Virginia.”

The first brick street in the world was laid in Charleston, West Virginia, on October 23, 1870, on Summers Street between Kanawha and Virginia Streets.

HAPPY 159th BIRTHDAY WEST VIRGINIA

Senior Center Holds Outpost

The Tucker County Senior Citizens held their monthly Outpost at the Parsons Center on June 6, 2022. Evelyn Moore welcomed everyone. Linda Bonner read the History of the Pledge of Allegiance before everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance, the Lord’s Prayer, and sang “God Bless America”.

Those having June birthdays were recognized and everyone sang “Happy Birthday” to them. Those present were: Ruth Connell and Sharon Daniels.

Ken Knotts read “I Am Old Glory”

to recognize Flag Day on June 14th. Arlene Ramsey then read “My Father” to recognize Father’s Day on June 19th and Eleanor Nestor read “A West Virginia Poem” to remind us that West Virginia Day is June 20th.

Linda introduced our entertainment for the day. We were blessed to have our own Betty Sturm and her sister Ann Radcliffe from Buckhannon. Betty played the accordion and both ladies sang. Their selections included: “Have I Told You Lately”, “Send Me Your Address,” “Rusty

Old Wagon,” “The Sweetest Gift,” “I’m Going Higher,” “I’ve Got More To Go To Heaven For,” “Yes, I Know,” “Waiting At the River,” and “You Are My Sunshine.”

The audience really enjoyed the special music and would like to have them return.

The regular door Prizes were won by: Ken Knotts, Patty Wilfong, and Dale Varner.

Ken Knotts asked a blessing on our food and we enjoyed a delicious meal.

DMV issues expiration extension on mobility impaired placards to August 31

Due to a supply issue, the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles has announced this week that they will extend the expiration dates of all mobility impaired placards to Aug. 31, 2022.

Renewal of a permanent mobility impaired placard occurs every five years, and the new cycle historically begins on July 1. However, with supply chain issues, and in an effort to provide seamless, convenient customer service, DMV Commissioner Everett Frazier announced the extension to Aug. 31 to make sure new placards are ready for customers.

“I believe in making sure our customers are taken care of. Unfortunately, due

to COVID and other supply chain issues, some of our materials are not available. We don’t want our customers to be inconvenienced, so extending the expiration date, on my authority, makes the best sense,” he said.

For more information, please visit the DMV website at dmv.wv.gov, and view the informational brochure on mobility impaired license plates and placards here:

<https://transportation.wv.gov/DMV/DMVFormSearch/Mobility-Impaired-Brochure-4-2014-wf.pdf>

Customers need to follow the same application and renewal process. The only change is the current expiration date being extended.



This is a calendar plate dated 1910 compliments of Schatz of Thomas, WV. Mr. Schatz sold dry goods, shoes, hats and furnishings for ladies and gents. The establishment was housed in the Geisberger Building, opposite the bank. In response to last week’s article concerning Mr. Wildman and his honey sales, I did receive information. His name was Lawrence and his wife’s name was Mable Ruth Ervin Wildman, they adopted a son named Dennis. Lawrence worked road construction as an engineer. When he retired, he took up different hobbies. He had as many as 38 hives housed on shelves around his outbuilding. He had his own equipment to process the honey and sell it. He also had a small mill where he would cut lumber and make things such as gun cabinets and some furniture. Ideas, comments, suggestions, information to share contact Tim Turner (304) 478-3389.

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The family of Daniel (Dan) Lipscomb would like to thank Anita, Nick and Lohr & Barb Funeral Home for a wonderful service and Pat Cassidy for an amazing eulogy.

We would like to thank the pallbearers, Vicky Propst, WV Caring, The Tucker County Senior Center and all who cared for Dan.

We send a heartfelt thank you to all the people who sent flowers, food, cards and prayers.

*Thank you all and God bless,
The Family of Dan Lipscomb*

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Area Students Earn Degrees from Davis & Elkins College

ELKINS, W.VA - Davis & Elkins College awarded diplomas during commencement ceremonies at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 academic year. Tucker County students in the 2022 graduating class are: Kristen Nestor, a Bachelor of Arts, Criminology; Aliyah Plum, a Bachelor of Science, Biology; Abrielle Bowley, an Associate in Science, Nursing; Grace Freeman, a Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Human Services; Leslie Hipp, an Associate in Science, Nursing; Dominique Meadows, a Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Human Services

Rosario-Crouch Earns Dean’s List at Davis & Elkins College

ELKINS, WV D & E College student Alyssa Rosario-Crouch of Parsons, West Virginia, has achieved the Dean’s List for the spring 2022 semester. To earn the honor, full-time students must achieve a semester GPA of 3.6 to less than 4.0. Related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Davis & Elkins College is located in Elkins, West Virginia, and offers 45 academic programs. For more information, visit the College website at www.dewv.edu.

Tucker County residents graduate from Eastern

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is recognizing its graduates for the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 terms. Spring 2022 Tucker County graduates are: Mateo Hinkle, Automotive Technology Certificate; James McCauley, AAS Automotive Technology; and Melinda Pennington, AAS Board of Governors.

Area Students Named to Davis & Elkins College President’s List

ELKINS, W.VA - Davis & Elkins College has released its president’s list for the spring 2022 semester which includes all full-time students who earned a 4.0 GPA. Area students recognized are: Samantha Bykofsky; Caroline Dragone; Eliseo Wotring; Alicia Kelley; Dominique Meadows; Inza Pacella.

Tucker County Students Named to Glenville State University Honor Roll

GLENVILLE, WV – Christopher M. Chambers and Samantha M. Chambers, both of Parsons, have been named to the Glenville State University President’s Honor Roll for the Spring 2022 semester. To be named to the President’s Honor Roll, students must have a 4.0 grade point average and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.



Charleston WV – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to *e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia* at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

June 15, 1876: Attorney and civil right activist T. G. Nutter was born. The first African-American delegate from Kanawha County, he helped establish Lakin State Hospital and crafted an anti-lynching law.

June 15, 1880: Musician Blind Alfred Reed was born in Floyd County, Virginia, though he spent most of his life in West Virginia. He composed and recorded some of the most creative topical country songs on Victor Records between 1927 and 1929.

June 16, 1842: Margaret Agnew Blennerhassett, wife of Harman Blennerhassett, died in poverty in New York City. She lived from 1800 to 1806 in a grand 16-room mansion she and her husband had constructed on an Ohio River island near present Parkersburg. She and her son, Harman Jr., were reburied on Blennerhassett Island in 1996.

June 17, 1813: General Thomas Maley Harris was born at present Harrisville. He rose to prominence after the Civil War, when he served on the military commission that tried conspirators who acted with John Wilkes Booth in the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

June 17, 1961: A Wayne County bridge was named in honor of TV newsman David Brinkley. The condition of the bridge had become a news item during the 1960 presidential primary; state officials closed the bridge, repaired it, and invited Brinkley to return for the ceremony to officially name it the “Brinkley Bridge.”

June 18, 1937: Jay Rockefeller was born in New York City. He became West Virginia’s 29th governor in 1977, and in 1984, he was elected to the U.S. Senate.

June 18, 1944: *It’s Wheeling Steel* aired its last program. A half-hour musical variety radio program that drew upon talented Wheeling Steel employees and families, the show ran eight years and was broadcast nationally.

June 19, 1905: Senator Rush Dew Holt was born in Weston. At 29, Holt was the youngest person ever elected to the U.S. Senate, earning him the nickname “Boy Senator.” Since the Constitution sets 30 as the minimum age for senators, Holt had to wait until his birthday in June 1935 to take his seat, nearly six months into the 74th Congress.

June 19, 1909: Oak Park, an amusement park in Preston County, opened. The park was an easy ride from Morgantown, and helped to fill up trains on weekends and holidays. On one summer day in 1909, 14 trains brought more than 4,000 people to the park.

June 20, 1861: Francis Pierpont was unanimously elected as governor of the unionist Reorganized State of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union two years later.

June 20, 1863: West Virginia became the 35th state. Arthur Boreman was the state’s first governor.

June 20, 1932: The West Virginia capitol was officially dedicated. Construction had begun in 1924.

June 20, 1963: On the 100th birthday of West Virginia, President John F. Kennedy made his last appearance in West Virginia. Speaking in Charleston in a pouring rain, he said “The sun does not always shine in West Virginia, but the people always do.”

June 21, 1920: Wheeling Steel Corporation was organized when La Belle Iron Works, Whitaker-Glessner Company, and Wheeling Steel & Iron Works combined. In the 1920s, Wheeling Steel employed more than 17,000 workers and ranked as the nation’s third-largest steelmaker.

June 21, 1959: Musician Kathy Mattea was born in South Charleston but grew up in nearby Cross Lanes. In junior high school she learned to play the guitar, and in high school she practiced her vocal skills singing classical music in choir class.

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3. If the frosting is too thick, add a splash (1 tablespoon or less) of milk or heavy cream, beat until creamy.
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5. Evenly spread 1 cup frosting on top of the first layer.
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7. Place the entire cake in the fridge for 20 minutes.
8. Spread the remaining frosting on the sides and top of the cake. Add fresh orange slices for decoration. Slice and serve. Cover leftover cake tightly with plastic wrap and store on the counter for up to 3 days.

Forest Service Invests \$6M in Deferred Maintenance Projects in West Virginia

ELKINS, W.Va., June 8, 2022 – Monongahela National Forest has received \$6 million in funding from the 2020 Great American Outdoors Act to support seven projects across the Forest in 2022.

These projects are part of \$503 million in GAOA-funded investments across USDA-managed lands nationwide to address deferred maintenance, improve infrastructure, increase user access, and support rural economies while also meeting conservation goals.

“Planning for many of these projects began in 2021 and we are now ready to start the construction phase with this additional funding,” said Forest Supervisor Shawn Cochran. “The construction will cause some temporary disruptions at times, but the long-term benefits of greater public access and safety make it all worthwhile.”

When completed, the projects are expected to address nearly \$7 million of deferred maintenance and significantly improve recreation opportunities, access, and safety for all visitors to Monongahela National Forest.

Cranberry Wilderness Public Access Project, Bridge Replacement over Williams River at Tea Creek (Pocahontas County)

Shavers Fork of the Cheat Public Access and Habitat Improvement Project, Culvert Replacement and Bridge Construction on

Forest Road 209 (Randolph County)
Lake Sherwood Campground, Outdoor Recreation Project, Campground Rehabilitation (Greenbrier County)

Marlinton/White Sulphur District Habitat Improvement Projects, Culvert Replacement on Forest Roads 296 and 298 in Laurel Run and Forest Road 999 in Williams River (Greenbrier and Pocahontas County)

Cranberry Wilderness Public Access Project, Bridge Replacement at Tumbling Rock Run along Cranberry River (Nicholas and Pocahontas County)

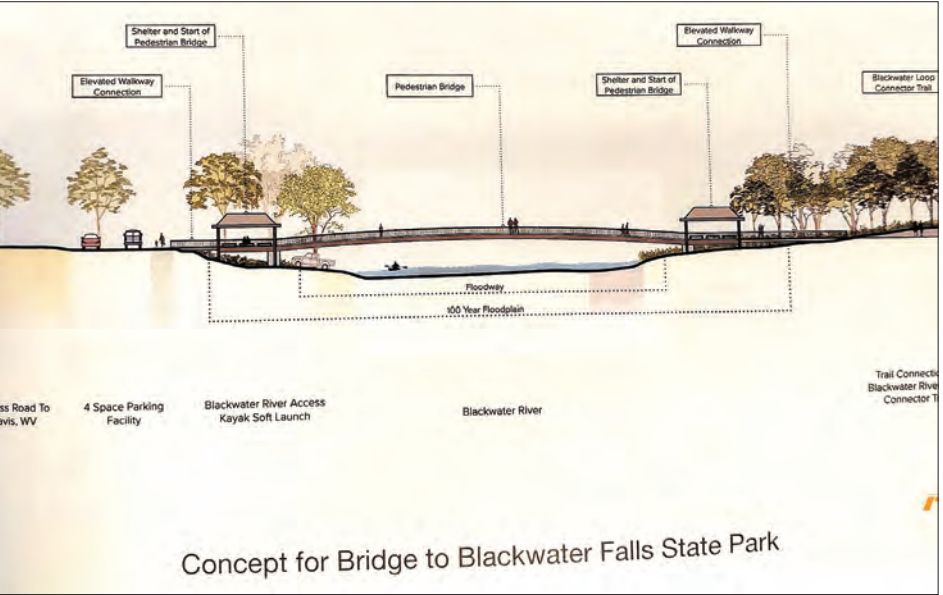
Dolly Sods Wilderness Public Access Project, Bridge Replacement over Red Creek (Grant, Randolph and Tucker County)

Tea Creek Mountain Trails Public Access Project, Trail Improvements (Grant, Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Randolph and Tucker County)

For updates about construction activities and safety alerts on Monongahela National Forest go to: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/mnf/alerts-notices/?aid=72282>.

For additional information about Forest Service implementation of the Great American Outdoors Act, visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/gaoa>. This webpage also provides more details about funded projects across the Forest Service.

Park



Overview of Proposed Pedestrian Bridge

encroachment from businesses and by other things. So, the residential areas can stay residential.”

The council discussed the need for the residents to be able to clean up brush and limbs from their properties. The council voted to rent a chipper for week of July 11. There is a choice to either place the debris on the curb by the side of the road or haul to the big lot at the end of town.

The town council members approved the purchase of a digital speed sign. The sign will alert drivers to their traveling speeds.

Goals

school.” Another goal is to have 10 events for the staff and 10 for the students that will promote social emotional growth and development.

Parsons addressed the board as a parent and said, “I know it has been really stressful for kids and parents alike these last few years. Going into this past school year I know a lot of us were not sure what to expect. I know as a parent of a student in the school system, I have a lot of concerns about catching up and what may have been missed over the last few years because of the way things have been. I really want to commend the staff and teachers at Tucker Valley because I can honestly say I saw so much effort and so much going in trying to get these kids back on track.”

Kisamore has plans to address attendance at DTEMS. Attendance is lower than it has been in the past. Kisamore would like to have a Back-to-School night to get parents back involved in the school, and a Data night to inform parents how the students’ data is used to improve the students’ education.

Kisamore would like to educate the students and parents the procedures and process of the schools during the Data night. Kisamore said, “We have kind of forgotten about that the last two or three years. We take for granted that a parent knows what avenue to go to when they have a problem with a teacher.”

Kisamore plans to continue to utilize the skills period. The skills period happens right after recess and lunch. The 30 minutes long period is designed to give students extra time and help in areas of need. Two days a week will be used for I-Ready and two days a week for specific skills. The goal is to have an advisory season before hand with the students and talk to them about what their data is saying and where they can improve. Training the staff to monitor this data and utilize for the students is a major goal.

One way that Kisamore is hoping to raise attendance at DTEMS will also be looking into getting clubs on Fridays. Kisamore wants to incentivize the students to come to school, do well in school and be rewarded.

Board member Cathy Hebb thanked Kisamore and his staff for all their hard work.

The data collected from the software will allow Davis officials to recognize trouble areas concerning speeding. The sign does not report to the police your personal information just the date, time and speed will register.

The council finished the meeting in executive session. Agendas and approved minutes can be found on the Town of Davis Facebook page and their website at <https://daviswv.us>. Follow the link for meetings and agendas.

Cork expressed to the board members that numbers for the SAT test scores were not where he would like them to be at this time. Cork explained the national scores were down 39 percent and TCHS was down more than some counties but was not down as much as the national average. Cork said, “We will take it, but it is not where we want to be, it is not where we need to be.”

Cork strategic plans include the possibility of implementing a PSAT test for all grades in the high school. This test will enable the administrative and teaching staff to compare data for the students. The test will give them a base line for the students’ data to compare each year to help students in the areas they need it instead of waiting until Senior year and after taking the SAT realizing students needed help in certain areas.

As an incentive to perform well on the test, Cork and his staff placed a banner in the school with student’s name on it that match the national standard SAT test scores in math and reading. This year there were eight students that met the requirement, which is three more than last year. There were 19 (potentially two more making it 21) students that met the English national standard and will be added to the banner as well.

Cork’s goal is reaching every student and addressing data with them, and by so educating the students and the staff of where extra work is needed. Cork’s motto is to “Own it!” and wants students as well as staff to own where they are at and then build on it.

In other board business Scott Lyciter was appointed Supervisor of General Maintenance, Electrician II, and HV AC Mechanic II for the Tucker County schools effective July 1, 2022. The board also elected to approve the authorization for the Superintendent (Alicia Lambert) to accept resignations, post positions, and hire employees effective June 7 through the end of day on September 2, 2022.

The next regular meeting of the Tucker County Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, beginning at 4:30 p.m., at the Tucker County Board of Education Office, 100 Education Lane, Parsons, WV 26287.

Survey



City of Parsons Council Members Tim Auvil, Bruce Kolsun, Mayor Dorothy Judy, Amy Wagner, and Melissa Jones.

underutilized downtown properties into thriving businesses, mixed-use retail, and housing complexes, community facilities, or other cultural assets.

Individuals, organizations, or businesses wishing to engage in or is currently engaged in the redevelopment of an eligible project should contact Ray Moeller at Raymond.moeller@mail.wvu.edu or contact his office at (304) 293-0390.

Police Chief Kevin Keplinger reported there have been slow responses to the advertisement for a new officer. Keplinger said he would continue to pursue new applicants, but at the current time it was a challenging task because the Sheriff’s office was hiring as well, and they pay \$5.50 more an hour. Keplinger said, “They (Sheriff’s office) started their application process on Saturday. As they go forward, we will go forward.”

Keplinger stated him and Officer Nick attended a free two-day training event aimed at managing a school shooter or hostage situation. Keplinger would like to do a mock shooter situation with the local schools and a walk-through in those schools to become initiative-taking on the potential of deadly situations.

Jones thanked Keplinger for his work. Auvil updated the Council on the Corricks Ford Battlefield Project saying the completion would be pushed back until the fall. Most likely the completion will be some time in October. The push back was due to the paving company needing approval from the Commission in Charleston to do the work.

Auvil reported that a grant funding application for the 38 lights for the trail has been applied to cover the cost of the lights that is close to \$120,000. Two grant applications were placed with Mon Forest and WVDOH.

About the Pulp Mill Bottom Pond Restoration Project Auvil reported they were moving forward with the project and cur-

SALDO

ple in the developed areas are going to take exception to living next to the agricultural areas. They will begin to complain, “I do not like the smell of manure in my neighborhood” well you moved next door to a cattle farm.

But the proposed or drafted ordinance has one of its goals, although it is unstated, they would seek to dictate to the farmers what they can do with their land because of the interest of the businesses and developments which will rise to areas that are agricultural.” Commissioner Mike Rosenau asked where in the ordinance was this stated so he could study it and Woods stated she was not there to address those particulars and was better addressed to the Planning Commission.

Woods then spook on her opinion on what will happen once SALDO is approved. Woods said, “With the coming of these minor and major subdivisions the inevitable consequence of that is taxes. Property taxes for the residents of our county are going to go up, up, up and we are already stretched! We can not afford a big property tax increase, which is bound to come.

The proposal for application fees and fines for violations. That little bit of revenue that will come from that is not overcome the County’s need or desire to increase property taxes to fund this stuff. There are cost to implementing this ordinance. There are people who must be paid. The Commission does not draw a salary but the personnel that perform the administrative tasks, clerks and such, who process the paper from the applications and approvals and collection of fees are not going to pay for all this work.

I see that the ordinance is fashioned after other counties, and I say that is not a good fit for our county. It is not needed to accomplish the stated goals of the ordinance. Which is to improve the health and welfare living for the people of the county. The county has been getting along without an ordinance.

One of the stated goals is to protect and preserve the value of land. But that would apply to the people that already live here and their use of their land is threatened by expansion and the influx of residents from outside places who come here and want to dictate what and influence how other people in rural They areas use their land. That should not be continuous by the county commission.”

Woods went on record to state, “I and many of my neighbors who are unable to attend because they are working at this time, they oppose the adoption of this ordinance.”

In other Tucker County Commission business OEM Director Kevin White reported that there will be a commodity flow study for Tucker County. This study does not monitor traffic but shows what is being transported on the major roads lead-

Cont. From Front

rently filling in low spots with fill dirt. There will need to be topsoil on top of the fill dirt before the hydro seed can be added.

Another advantage for the project the fountain that was ordered came with an aeration system. The aeration system that was previously bought for \$15,000.

City Council members approved a resolution supporting West Virginia’s Veterans and opposing any plan or recommendation that will cause the loss of access to Veteran’s Affairs facilities or the healthcare services they provide.

The resolution states “West Virginians have a long history of military service, and West Virginia is among the state with the highest capita populations of veterans, with more than 140,000 veterans statewide.

The Council calls on the Department of Veteran Affairs to hold meaningful public hearings in West Virginia to receive input and feedback on the recommendations.

The City Council of the City of Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia supports and honors our Veterans and the selfless sacrifice they have made in the name of our country, our liberty, and our freedom and acknowledges that we all have an absolute and sacred duty and responsibility to see that our Veterans are provided the best possible healthcare.”

Auvil entertained a motion to consider the first reading of change to the Parsons City Ordinance 936.01 Water Rate Schedules. The changes proposed include a \$600 connection fee or actual cost of installation, including materials and labor. The fee will be whichever is greater. The ordinance will be reevaluated every three years going forward.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at the Charles W. “Bill” Rosenau Municipal Building. If you would like to place an item on the agenda, feel free to contact Parsons Business Office at (304) 478-2311.c

Cont. From Front

ing in and out of the county such as chemicals or hazardous materials and hauled on a tractor trailer. This grant funded study has not been conducted in the last 12 to 14 years and will be conducted by J.H. Consultants.

White stated, “This is not something required by the state, but OEM and LAPCs do throughout the state so they have vital information to give back to responders.”

The Commission approved the re-appointment of Harold Spencer and Lenore Howell to the Ambulance Authority Board. Howell will be a representative for Canaan Valley. Roscoe Beall was approved to the Development Authority Board.

Tucker County Clerk Sherry Simmons went over items listed on the agenda as budget revisions and in need of the Commission’s attention. The Commissioners approved a request for \$5,000 to Flanagan Hill Development Corp to improve their facility. The \$5,000 will come out of the Arts and Humanities account. Simmons stated that the Flanagan Hill Development Corp was an important hub for the community.

Next Simmons shared there was an excess of \$81,766 in the hotel/motel money tax money collected from the state. The Commissioners approved the money be split 50/50 with half going to EMS and half being split with each of the four fire departments in Tucker County. EMS will receive \$40,775 and each fire department will receive a little over \$10,000 each.

Both White and Director of EMS Shelia Marsh thanked the Commission.

During the Commissioner’s reports Lowell Moore presented some details on the potential closing of the Veteran’s clinic in Parsons. Moore stated that there is a 12-person committee board making the decision on whether to close the clinic or not. The closing is just a recommendation, and the decision will not be made until next year and the final approval or non-approval comes from the President. Moore urges the public to reach out to their U.S. representatives and state legislators and express their desire to keep the clinic open.

The Tucker County Commission opposes the closing and has written up and signed their petition to keep the clinic open. This petition was sent to all state representatives. Rosenau stated, “As your County Commission we oppose through all our elected representatives. We have it in writing, we oppose it, but we will say that the more tax payers and individuals that call these offices, the squeaky door is the one that gets the oil, so make sure your neighbors, your friends, whoever, ask them to please contact Manchin, Capito, and Mooney offices and make sure they are aware of your feelings.”

The next Tucker County Commission meeting will be held on June 25, 2022, at 6 p.m. in the Tucker County Courthouse Courtroom.

The Roma Restaurant on East Avenue in Thomas

By Joseph W. Dumire & Virginia Dilettoso DePollo
Tucker County Historical Society

In the heyday of Thomas, West Virginia from the 1930s into the 1940s, one of the best known restaurants in town was the Roma, owned and operated by Sam and Mary Dilettoso. Now more than 70 years since the restaurant closed, Virginia Dilettoso DePollo, the 87-year old daughter of Sam and Mary, recalled her memories of the Roma in a 2019 letter she wrote. Here is her letter and several photos she provided.

I am Virginia Dilettoso DePollo, daughter of Sam and Mary Dilettoso. I am the youngest of five (Pat, Carm, Jim, Rose and me), and was born July 2, 1932 and lived in Thomas until I left to go into nursing in 1949. Rose (lives in Florida) and I are the only living children in our family, so I will give you as much information as I can remember or have records of.

I have no knowledge of who constructed the building housing the Roma Restaurant, or what business was in it. My parents started the Roma in the business section of “The Flats” about mid-way on Front Street. That was in 1932 during the depression. The business was so successful they needed more space, so they bought a four-story building further up the street. It was completely renovated to become a much larger restaurant on the ground floor, a dance hall on the second floor and our home or residence was on the third and fourth.

The restaurant part of the Roma was furnished with a horseshoe counter in the center, with seats on both sides; booths lined the walls on both sides; a soda fountain in the middle of the counter as well as the ice cream machine. The kitchen was in the middle rear of the restaurant, as well as the steps to the family residence. A little to the right was the furnace, storage room and restrooms. To the far right was the stairway to the dance hall.

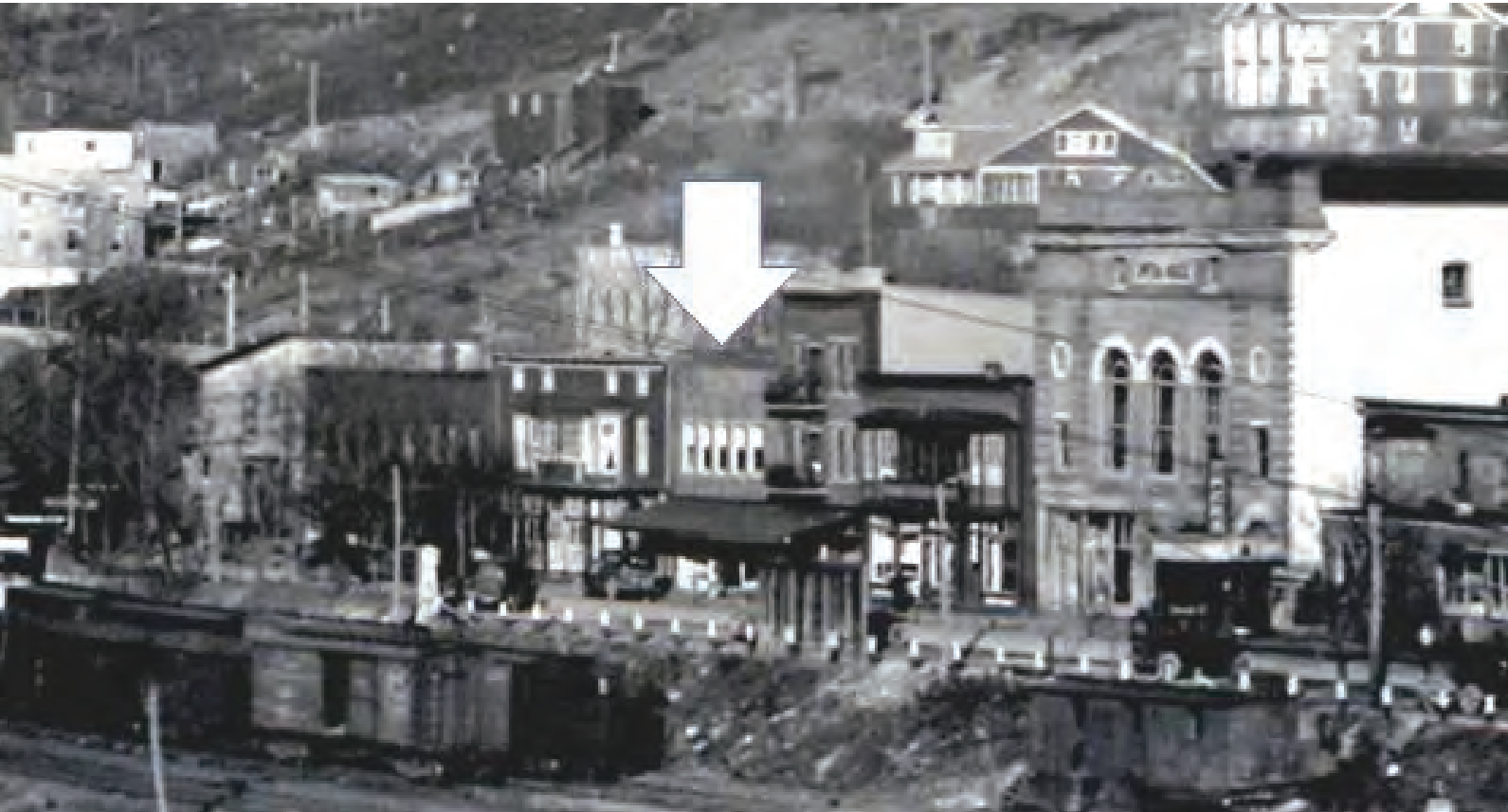
Those working at the Roma on New Year’s Eve 1940 included Sam Dilettoso, Kay Mona Propst, Jenny Vidmar, Nellie Frederick, Jack Kight and Virginia Dilettoso DePollo. Virginia married John DePollo November 24, 1960. He is the son of John DePollo, and grandson of Joe DePollo who started DePollo’s store which is now occupied by the Purple Fiddle. Joe DePollo built the new store build-

ing in 1912. We made our own ice cream three times a week. Everyone loved it and would come on those days for “soft serve”. The cream to do this came by rail freight from New Castle, PA and was delivered by Ed Breedlove in 25-gallon cans. Taxi service was available at the Roma and was provided by Frank Gregory.

The Roma served breakfast and dinner. A sampling of the menu included: toast and coffee 15 cents; ham and eggs with coffee, tea or milk 35 cents; doughnuts 2 for 5 cents; homemade pie 10 cents; 2 eggs, bacon or ham, toast with coffee tea or milk 50 cents; milk toast 15 cents; chops, potatoes, beans, salad, desert, drink 60 cents; T-bone steak with beans, potatoes, salad,



The writer of the letter, Virginia Dilettoso, then age 8, posing as little Miss New Year’s 1940 at the New Year’s Eve party at the Roma Restaurant, December 31, 1939. Note the banners about the game of “Lucky.”



In this 1926 view of part of the city of Thomas, the arrow shows the building that would become the home of the Roma Restaurant a few years after the photo was taken. The photo was originally owned by the late Joe Sagace who generously allowed it to be used by the historical society in articles about the town that Joe loved and where he spent his entire life of 88 years.

desert and drink 85 cents; spaghetti, meat balls 35 cents; ice cream cones 5 cents; and a sundae was 10-15 cents.



Sam Dilettosso posing in front of the Roma Restaurant.



The wait staff at the Roma. Left to right, Kay Mona Propst, Carmella Dilettosso Nutter, Louise Genantonio, Mary Dilettosso (the letter-writer’s mother), Adaline Quattro DePollo, Ruth Watring.

I’m not sure when the restaurant closed. My father died in 1957. I’m guessing the restaurant closed in the late 1940’s (48 or 49). While they were still in the restaurant my father started another business called the Roma Music Operators. He placed juke boxes and pin ball machines in other businesses. He had closed the restaurant but continued the music business until he died. Because of this business and with the restaurant closed they ran a used record shop in part of the first floor, and after dad died my mother opened a lunch room in that space.

The second floor was a dance hall and game room. The bands were booked on weekends. Otherwise a jukebox was there. “The Midnighters” were there frequently. The hall was always full. Everyone loved to dance. Mura Cooper loved to dance at the Roma and managed the hotel on Front Street. Once a week the hall was used to play “Lucky”. This was a game like Bingo except your card read “Lucky”.

Mom and dad were always at the Roma. Their children helped whenever possible. Mom did most of the cooking. Dad was a great PR man. They opened by 7:00 a.m. or earlier because mom made doughnuts


every morning for the early workers who stopped for coffee and doughnuts. She rested for a couple of hours in the afternoon, then back in the kitchen for dinner and closing.

Weekends were especially busy both in the dining room and the dance hall because the miners were off. During the WW II years they were extremely busy with so many soldiers coming into town from their mountain training. They served a lot of spaghetti and meatballs and T-bone steaks.

The building was sold to the Colabrese Brothers to be turned into a hardware store. When we moved out of our residence in the Roma building the third and fourth floors were converted into apartments. The building is now owned by Franz Harb and is occupied by his Thomas Yard flower shop.

This article appeared in the July 2019 edition of the Tucker County Historical Society quarterly newsletter. The TCHS is a tax-exempt non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It meets monthly in Parsons with membership open to anyone for annual dues of \$10 mailed to PO Box 13, Hambleton, WV 26269.


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Paugh celebrates 44 years at Cortland Acres



Cortland Acres recently celebrated long-time employee Ellen Paugh's milestone of 44 years. Paugh started working at the skilled nursing facility on April 13, 1978, the same year the facility opened its doors in Thomas.

Ellen Paugh's first day at Cortland Acres was just a few months shy of the long-term skilled nursing facility's grand opening in Thomas. Paugh began her full-time career at Cortland Acres on April 13, 1978, earning \$2.65 an hour.

"I started working as an aide on the night shift, helping get rooms ready for residents to move in and packed up the rooms when residents were going home," Paugh said. "My husband and I were starting a family, and I was fortunate to find work close to home. The wages have improved

dramatically throughout my 44 years, plus Cortland Acres offers profit-sharing to the employees."

Starting in June, Paugh will semi-retire and work part-time. Cris Lambruno, director of environmental services at Cortland Acres, said Paugh will be greatly missed by himself and other employees.

"I can't thank Ellen enough for her service and dedication to Cortland Acres and its residents for so many years," Lambruno said. "Her tasks in the environmental service department increased during COVID-19, but she never complained. She is a team player and a leader."

Throughout the years Paugh's family life and demands changed, and Cortland Acres changed with her.

"I worked with the dietary staff for a while on second shift and later was able to transfer to the morning shift," Paugh said. "For the past 18 years, I've worked in housekeeping. Cortland Acres allowed me to adjust my schedule so I could raise a family and have a full-time career at the same time."

Paugh enjoyed working alongside her family members. Her late husband, Herman, worked alongside her in the environmental services department, and her daughter currently works at Cortland Acres as a Certified Nursing Assistant.

This Week's Submitted Photos



This week's photo was taken, near Camp Horseshoe, by Carol Craver.
Email photos, where it was taken and who took it to
mikia@parsonsadvocate.com

FRIENDS OF BLACKWATER PRESENTS A LIVE COMMUNITY HISTORY PROGRAM

SHOOTOUT at the DEPOT

SATURDAY JULY 16, 2022

1:30 PM: Doors open and music at the old Tucker County Courthouse, Parsons WV.

2:00--3:00 PM: Main program.

3:00-4:00 PM: Reception at the Parsons Station Railroad Depot (across the street).

Get more information and RSVP to reserve seats at <https://saveblackwater.org/> or 304-345-7663. Co-sponsored by ArtSpring and the Tucker County Historical Society, with support from the West Virginia Humanities Council.

FREE ADMISSION

An exciting courtroom drama -- the true story of a famous 1890s Tucker County trial! Featuring costumed community presenters, music, and historical commentary!

Grant County Bank Appointments Dr. Cheryl Bennett to Board of Directors

Petersburg, WV— Grant County Bank announced that Dr. Cheryl Bennett has been appointed to the Grant County Bank Board of Directors, effective April 14, 2022.

Dr. Bennett is the owner of The Spectacle Family Eye Care in Petersburg, which opened in 2017. She also serves patients through offices in Walmart locations in Buckhannon and Flatwoods. In October of 2021 she opened The Grove Café & Bakery in Petersburg. Dr. Bennett is a native of Tucker County, where she grew up on a dairy farm. She currently still resides in Tucker County.

Dr. Bennett did her undergraduate studies at WV Tech and graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 2000. Dr. Bennett has been a Board-Certified Optometrist since 2000. In 2021, she won the Walmart Optometrist Excellence in Patient Care Award for the 4-state area of WV, MD, PA and VA.



George Ford, Grant County Bank President & CEO, said, "We are extremely pleased Dr. Bennett has agreed to join our board. We believe her knowledge and entrepreneurial spirit will be invaluable in assisting us with our efforts to better serve both consumers and small business clients."

The Grant County Bank was chartered as a West Virginia state bank on August 6, 1902 and began operations on August 15 with its first office in Petersburg, WV. Our mission of providing financial services and products to families, small businesses and the agricultural community has served both our customers and the bank well over the years.

DEADLINE 8AM MONDAY

LEGAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF PARSONS, TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
WATER SERVICE CUSTOMERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia, a municipal corporation, will hold a hearing before the final vote on a proposed Ordinance, the principal object of which is the increase of water rates for customers of the water system operated by the City of Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia.

The City of Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia is proposing the following Ordinance:

ARTICLE 936
WATER TARIFF
CITY OF PARSONS, TUCKER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA WATER SYSTEM
AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS OF THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF PARSONS.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARSONS HEREBY ORDAINS: The following rules, rates, and charges are hereby fixed, determined, and established for municipal water service provided to all users of the City of Parsons Municipal Water Treatment Plant and Distribution System, commencing upon the effective date as hereinafter provided, and in accordance with the following rates and schedules.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules and Regulations for the Government Of Water Utilities, adopted by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, and now in effect and all amendments thereto and modifications thereof hereafter made by said Commission.

SECTION 936.01 - WATER RATE SCHEDULES

(a) Schedule (effective 45 days from passage)

(1) Applicability
Applicable to all residential, commercial, and industrial users in the entire area served.

(2) Availability of Service
Available for water service

(3) Rates

GALLONS USED PER MONTH	PER 1,000 GALLONS
First 2,000	\$14.74
Next 3,000	\$12.82
Next 5,000	\$11.34
Next 10,000	\$8.95
Next 30,000	\$6.94
All Over 50,000	\$4.86

(4) Minimum Charges

METER SIZE	AMOUNT
5/8"	\$29.48
1"	\$55.00
2"	\$165.00

(5) Security Deposit
An initial security deposit for new service will be required equal to one-twelfth of the annual estimated charge for residential service (based on 4,000 gallons or \$55.12) or one-sixth of the annual estimated charge for all other service.

(6) Delayed Payment Penalty
A 10% penalty shall be added to all charges not paid within 20 days from the date of the billing. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to only be collected once for each bill where it is applicable.

(7) Connection Charge
Charge of \$600 or actual cost of installation, including materials and labor, whichever is greater.

(8) Reconnection Charge
Charge of \$25.00.

(9) Returned Check Charge
A service charge equal to the actual bank fee assessed to the city or a maximum of \$25.00 will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by their bank due to insufficient funds.

(10) Leak Adjustment
Charge of \$4.40 per 1,000 gallons is to be used when a bill reflects unusual Consumption which can be attributed to eligible leakage on the customer's side of the meter. This rate shall be applied to all such consumption above the customer's historical average usage.

SECTION 936.02 - EFFECTIVE DATE
The rates, charges, and penalties provided herein shall become effective forty-five (45) days from the date Of passage as provided herein, Of as soon thereafter as the same may be approved by the Public Service Commission Of West Virginia.

SECTION 936.03 - SEVERABILITY: REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES
The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any clause, provision or section hereof shall be held void or unenforceable by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia or any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance. Upon the effective date hereof, all ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflicts, hereby repealed, and to the extent that the provisions of this Ordinance do not touch upon the provisions of prior ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 936.04 - STATUTORY NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING
Upon introduction hereof, the City shall cause to be published a copy of this Ordinance once a week for (2) successive weeks within a period of fourteen (14) consecutive days, with at least six (6) days between each publication, in The Parsons Advocate, a qualified newspaper of general circulation in the City of Parsons, and said notice shall state that this Ordinance has been introduced, and that any person interested may appear before City Council on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. (EST), which date is not less than ten (10) days after the date of the first publication of the Ordinance and notice, and present any comment or protest thereto, following which hearing, Council shall take such action as it shall deem proper. Copies of said Ordinance are available at the Parsons Business Office, located at 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (EDT), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING

First Reading	June 7, 2022
Second Reading	June 21, 2022
Third Reading and Public Hearing	July 2022

CITY OF PARSONS, a municipal corporation,
ATTEST: SIGNED:

Bruce A. Kolsun, Recorder Dorothy L. Judy, Mayors

The final vote on adoption of said Ordinance shall be held in the Council Chambers of the Charles W. "Bill" Rosenau Municipal Building, 341 Second Street, Parsons, Tucker County, West Virginia on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at six o'clock (6:00) p.m. (EST). Interested parties may appear and be heard at such time with respect to the passage of the proposed Ordinance. Copies of said Ordinance are available at the City of Parsons Business Office, located at 341 Second Street, Parsons, West Virginia, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (EST), Monday through Friday, except holidays. The said Ordinance may be materially amended at said meeting.

If adopted, said rates, fees, and charges will become effective forty-five (45) days from the date of its passage, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia.

City of Parsons, a municipal corporation, by
Dorothy L. Judy, Mayor

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	Thomas, WV 26292

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All applications must be received by 4:00 P.M. (EDT) on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

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Grant, Hardy and Tucker County Students Win Big in BRITE Challenge STEM Competition



Schools Use STEM Equipment to Inspire Tomorrow’s Leaders

MOOREFIELD, W.Va.— Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, in partnership with the National Youth Science Center, awarded over \$13,000 to middle and high school students at the first annual BRITE Challenge.

Held on May 6 at the National Youth Science Center in Davis, the challenge showcased 19 teams’ Business Startup Ideas or STEM Innovations inspired by state-of-the-art equipment donated to classrooms as part of Eastern’s Makerspace Project, which was implemented in the 2021-2022 school year.

More than 60 students in fifth through 12th grades presented their innovative ideas to a panel of five experienced entrepreneurs and educators. An overall grand prize was awarded for each category, along with first-, second- and third-place winners across four different age groups.

The grand prize in the STEM Innovation category was awarded to Hannah Hamric, Mackenzie Kitzmiller and Jacob Jones from Petersburg High School, who proposed to

create smart devices to assist blind people in navigating to their desired destination.

In the Business Startup Idea category, William Wojtowic, from Moorefield High School, received the grand prize for a proposed gaming company called Infinite Gaming. The mission of the gaming company is to build and sell high-end custom gaming computers at an affordable price.

“I really enjoyed observing the enthusiasm, potential and talent of the next generation” stated Victoria Weeks, former science media producer and filmmaker for NASA who sat on the judicial panel alongside retired Delta Force Colonel and mayor of Davis, Alan Tomson.

“It was a privilege to do the judging,” Tomson said. “I continue to be impressed by today’s youth.”

The MakerSpace project has donated equipment such as 3D printers, CNC routers, drones, coding robots and renewable energy demonstration kits to schools in the Potomac Highlands region over the last year. After being trained to use the equipment by Maker Fellow Maya Paul, teachers worked with their students to generate

innovative and entrepreneurial ideas using the latest technologies made available to them in the BRITE Challenge.

“My students loved being part of the competition,” stated Linda Carlson, science teacher at Petersburg High School. “I really appreciate the opportunities the MakerSpace project brought them and me as their teacher.”

The MakerSpace project is supported with funding from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

“We are very appreciative of the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, which has allowed us to provide support to empower educators with hands-on technologies in the classroom to advance student learning, inspire creativity, and engage in the possibility for these students to become future entrepreneurs,” said Megan Webb,

Eastern’s Dean of Advancement and Continuing Education. “We’ve really made a positive impact on students by encouraging them to develop innovations to solve problems and launch their educational pathway and future career.”

In addition to providing equipment to schools in the Potomac Highlands, 3D printers have been donated to public libraries in Grant, Hardy, Hampshire, Mineral, Pendleton, and Tucker counties.

“MakerSpace helps provide the bridge on applying academic knowledge to solving real-world problems,” said Robert Burns, Director of Non-Profits at Eastern. “By having these programs in our school systems, we are creating the future workforce and leaders that will create the communities in which we will live and thrive.”

Parsons to Host Free Courtroom Drama

On Saturday, July 16, from 1:30 to 4 p.m., Friends of Blackwater, Tucker County ArtSpring, and the Tucker County Historical Society will present a free, live, family-friendly, community history program titled “Shootout at the Depot” at the Tucker County Courthouse in Parsons.

This exciting program tells the true story of an 1890s gunfight in Parsons -- and the sensational trial that followed. The costumed community presenters will include Tucker County Commissioner Lowell Moore, County Prosecuting Attorney Savannah Wilkins, attorney Pat Nichols, William Peterson, Cindy Kolsun, Sarah Fletcher, Elaine George, Debbie McHenry, and Casey Rucker.

“Shootout at the Depot” is based on the book “The Industrialist and the Mountaineer: the Eastham-Thompson Feud and the Struggle for West Vir-

ginia’s Timber Frontier” by WVU Professor Ronald L. Lewis. It tells how a Canaan Valley landowner faced a jury for killing a wealthy sawmill operator in 1897. In the “Shootout” program, the audience plays the part of the jury!

The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Old Courthouse in Parsons with live music. There will also be expert historical commentary by WVU Professor Hal Gorby. A reception after the program will be from 3 – 4 p.m. at the Parsons Depot, just across the street from the Courthouse.

Admission is free; you can reserve seats at <https://saveblackwater.org/events/shootout-at-the-depot/>.

For more information, visit <https://saveblackwater.org>; e-mail info@saveblackwater.org; or call 304-345-7663 or 304-541-4494. The program is presented with support from the West Virginia Humanities Council.

SPORTS

Gooden and Hicks Make All-State Honorable Mention List

The WV Sports Writers announced the Class “A” Softball All-State members on Tuesday June 7th. Tucker County Softball Seniors Cheyenne Gooden and Kristen Hicks made the All-State Honorable Mention selection. Gooden and Hicks led the Lady Mt. Lions in many categories at the plate this season. Tucker County fell to State Runner-Up Petersburg in the Sectional Final.

Pictured right: Tucker County Softball Seniors Cheyenne Gooden(left) and Kristen Hicks(right) were selected to the Class “A” All-State Honorable Mention List on June 7th. Photo by Dave Helmick.



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The Tucker County Seniors wish to thank Jess Wamsley, her husband, Scott, John McVicker and Eric Spencer for getting our new stove installed.

Thank You All,
Tucker County Senior Citizens